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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MURVEIT ET AL.

Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6,16,19,22-26,28,41,44,47-51,53,54,56 and 57 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-15,17,18,20,21,27,29-40,42,43,45,46,52,55 and 58 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 59 and 60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 11.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5,7-15,17,18,20,21,27,29-40,42,43,45,46,52,55 and 58 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per the independent claims, the recited limitations pertaining to using a first speech recognition technique to define preliminary matching speech expressions, and using a second pass speech recognition techniques not identical to the first speech recognition technique, is not explicitly taught by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 59-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hedin et al (6185535).

As per claims 59-60, Hedin et al (6185535) teaches:

“receiving an identifying....characteristic” as receiving input speech (col. 5 lines 4-6), and identifying if the utterance is part of a certain vocabulary (col. 2 lines 53-60

“performing a first.....spoken input” as first pass performed by ASR (col. 5 lines 27-30, referring back to ASR, col. 4 line 5 – col. 5 line 1);

“selectively performing.....spoken input” as switching to a more powerful ASR (col. 5 lines 1-5, when the first pass does not perform, col. 5 lines 17-22; col. 9 lines 50-63)

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments pertaining to claims 59-60 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As per the arguments that claims 59-60 contain language pertaining to the selection of a speech recognition pass based on previous results, examiner argues that Hedin et al teaches such limitations, in the fact that the first pass speech recognition, when failed, offers the user to input the word in a different manner, such as repeating the word, spelling the word, or typing the word (col. 8 lines 20-30), which would require a particular means of recognition (either utterance recognition, spelling recognition, or text recognition). In other words, the type of recognition is dictated by the type of input from the user after an initial recognition. Furthermore, the first mode of recognition qualifies as a "first pass", and the second mode of recognition as a "second pass". Also, the second recognition technique is also considered to be a "modified" recognition technique compared to the first recognition technique. Hedin's second ASR is a more powerful recognition engine compared to the recognition engine used in the first pass (col. 9 lines 50-58).

Conclusion

7. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (571)272-7623, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Wayne Young, can be reached at (571)272-7582. The facsimile phone number for this group is (571)272-7629.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (571)272-2600.

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